

Remarks

This is in response to the first Office Action mailed July 23, 2004.

The Applicant has hereinabove amended the drawings to correct minor errors in FIGS. 5 and 8. The specification at page 15 has been amended to better conform to the claimed subject matter. Claims 1-6 and 9-13 have been amended. These broadening and clarifying amendments are proper, do not introduce new matter, serve to better set forth the subject matter regarded as the invention by the Applicant, and place the application in proper condition for reconsideration and allowance.

Objection to Drawings

The first Office Action objected to the drawings on the basis that in FIG. 5, step 268 failed to have a close parenthesis “)” and FIG. 8, “OH” block 236 failed to have a right vertical bar. These errors have been corrected by amendment above, and the Applicant apologizes for the inconvenience to the Examiner as a result of these errors.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The first Office Action rejected claims 1-6 and 9-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,146,578 issued to Zangenehpour (“Zangenehpour ‘578”). This is respectfully traversed.

Zangenehpour ‘578 generally monitors for receipt of sequential addresses in read commands from CPU 12 and, so long as such sequential requests continue, increasingly larger amounts of data are prefetched to cache 22. Once a non-sequential request is

received, no further prefetching occurs. See Zangenehpour '578 FIG. col. 3, lines 4-45; col. 4, lines 44-50; col. 6, lines 50-54.

The Applicant notes that Zangenehpour '578 failed to anticipate the language of original independent claim 1 on the basis that Zangenehpour '578 *initially switches* to the use of prefetching based on an initial comparison between the most recently received command and just one other command (the penultimate read command), not multiple previous commands as originally claimed.

Nevertheless, the Applicant has elected to enter broadening and clarifying amendments to claim 1 so that the claim now recites, *inter alia*, switching from nonlocal mode to local mode “when a data sector address of a most recently received read command corresponds to at least one of said *non-sequential data sector ranges*.” Zangenehpour '578 fails to disclose such operation; indeed, Zangenehpour '578 *stops* the prefetching of data when non-sequential data sector ranges are encountered.

Accordingly, the Applicant submits that claim 1, as well as the claims depending therefrom, define subject matter that is patentably distinct over Zangenehpour '578 as well as the other art of record. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of these claims are accordingly solicited.

Zangenehpour '578 is similarly deficient with regard to the recited “means for switching” element of independent claim 9. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 9, and for the claims depending therefrom, are also respectfully solicited.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The first Office Action rejected claims 7-8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Zangenehpour '578 in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA). This rejection is respectfully traversed on the basis that claims 7-8 are believed to be patentable as depending from a patentable base claim for the reasons set forth above.

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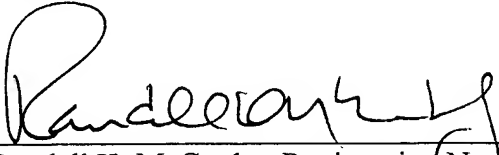
An information disclosure statement (IDS) was filed with the application, but the first Office Action did not acknowledge the same. For convenience, a copy of this IDS (sans references since all are U.S. patents) is being included herewith. The Examiner is invited to contact the below signed attorney should any questions arise concerning this matter.

Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims in the application. This is intended to be a complete response to the first Office Action mailed July 23, 2004.

Should any questions arise concerning this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the below listed Attorneys.

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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to FIG. 5 (sheet 4/6) and FIG. 8 (sheet 6/6). These sheets of drawings replace the original sheets 4/6 and 6/6. In FIG. 5, a previously omitted close parenthesis “)” has been added in step 268. In FIG. 8 a right vertical bar has been added for “OH” block 236.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheets showing changes



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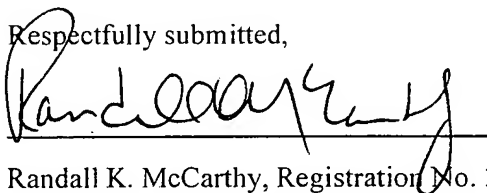
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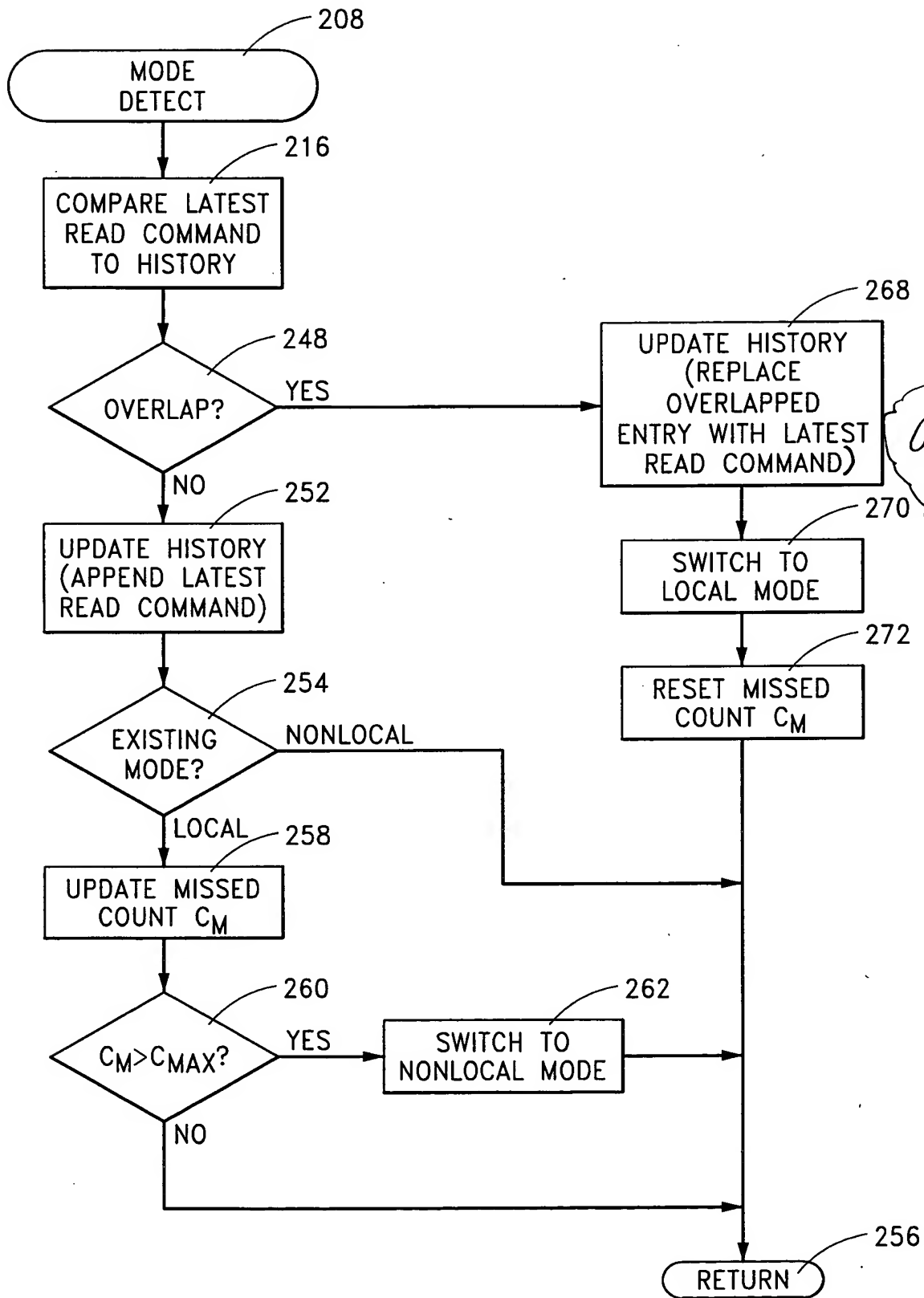


FIG. 5



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